

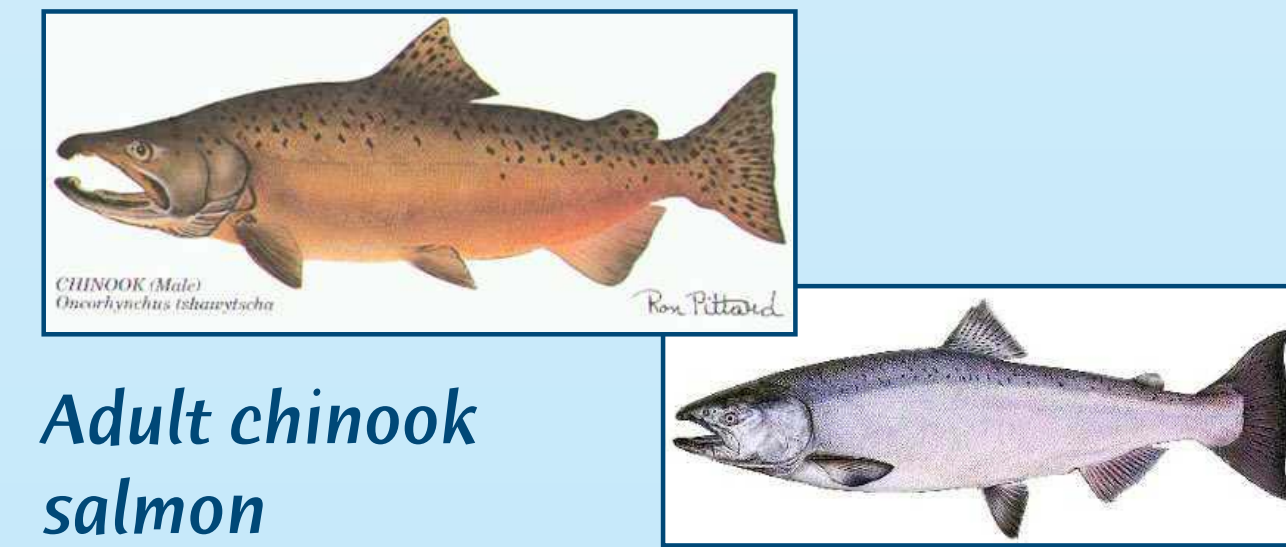
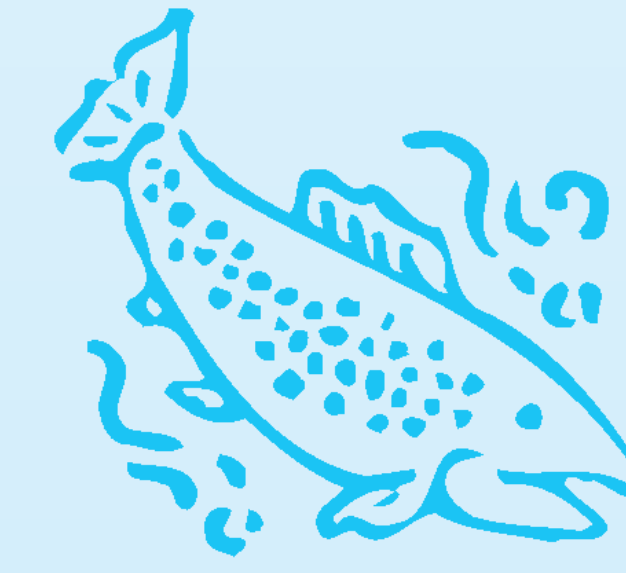
THE SNOQUALMIE WATERSHED: WE'RE ALL IN IT TOGETHER

SNOQUALMIE WATERSHED FACTS

- ◆ Largest in King County, at nearly 700 square miles
- ◆ Supports wild runs of coho, chinook, chum and pink salmon, and cutthroat and steelhead/rainbow trout
- ◆ Produces as many adult coho salmon as all Oregon Coast streams combined
- ◆ 75% is forested
- ◆ One of the basins with the highest potential for salmon recovery in Puget Sound



The Snoqualmie River

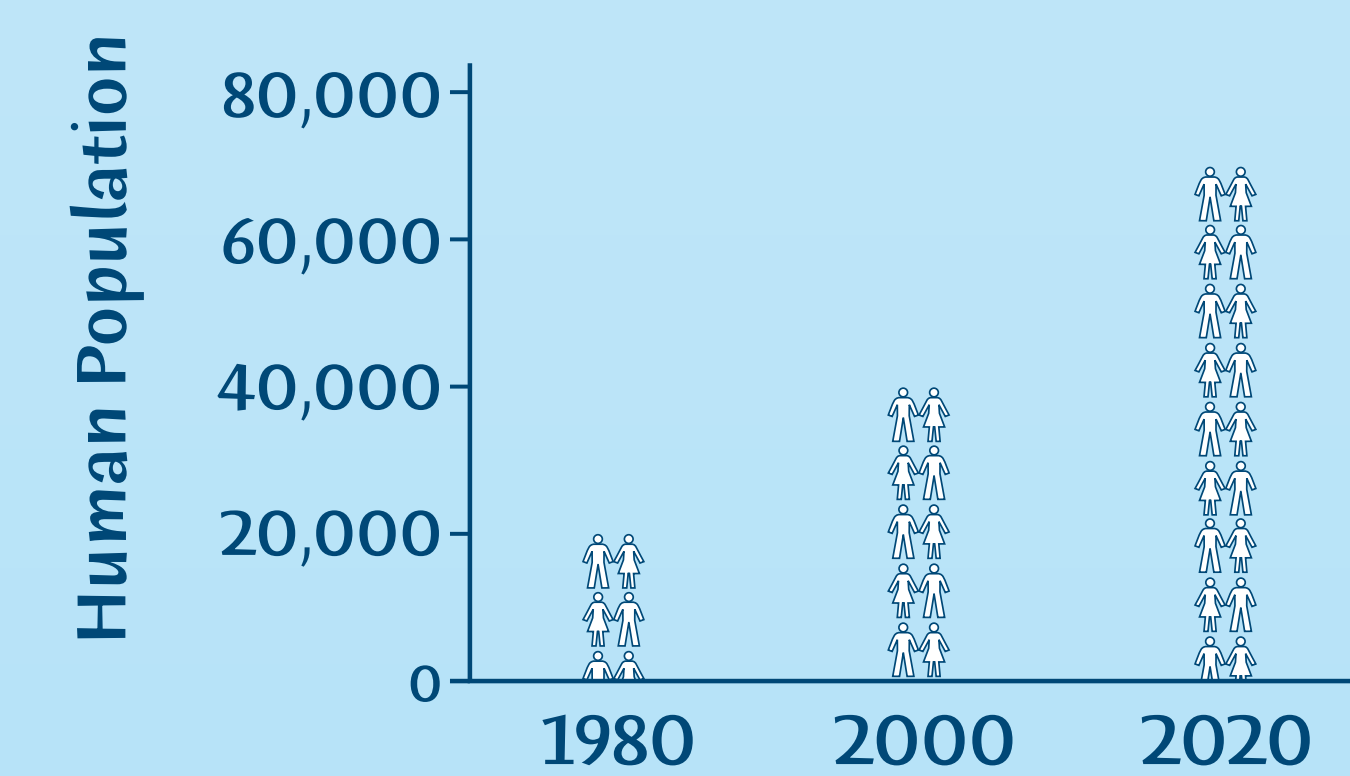


Adult chinook salmon

WHY CARE ABOUT SALMON?

- ◆ What's good for salmon is good for people. We all need clean water, clean air, healthy forests and wetlands, and open space.
- ◆ Chinook salmon and bull trout are listed as "threatened" under the federal Endangered Species Act.
- ◆ Salmon are part of our Northwest heritage and quality of life.

PAST & PREDICTED FUTURE POPULATION GROWTH IN THE SNOQUALMIE WATERSHED



Population pressures in the area make this a crucial time to act to protect streams and rivers.

Important issues to be addressed:

- ◆ How can we meet the requirements of the Endangered Species Act while supporting agriculture and forestry?
- ◆ How can salmon restoration projects also help reduce flood hazards?
- ◆ Who is going to pay? How can this be done fairly?



Volunteer cleanup crew with debris removed from the Snoqualmie River



Volunteers planting trees at Tolt-MacDonald Park

THE SNOQUALMIE - SKYKOMISH WATERSHEDS



IT'S YOUR WATERSHED-YOU CAN HELP!

Take care of your stream, river, or wetland:

- ◆ Keep streambanks naturally vegetated
- ◆ Fence livestock away from water
- ◆ Keep litter and grass clippings out of water
- ◆ Maintain your septic tank
- ◆ Scoop pet wastes

Conserve water:

- ◆ Install low flow showerheads, faucet heads, and toilets
- ◆ Water lawns and plants in the evening and only as needed

Take care of your car:

- ◆ Fix oil leaks
- ◆ Recycle used motor oil and antifreeze
- ◆ Wash your car at a carwash

Practice Salmon-Friendly Gardening:

- ◆ Minimize pesticide use; use organic or slow-release fertilizers
- ◆ Build your soil naturally with compost
- ◆ Plant another tree
- ◆ Don't pave your lot
- ◆ Avoid using noxious weeds such as ivy in your garden



Middle Fork Snoqualmie River

GET INVOLVED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES!

MAKING PROGRESS

Local landowners, non-profit organizations, volunteers, and agencies are working on a number of projects to protect and restore the Snoqualmie Watershed, including:

Tolt River

Thirty acres of prime salmon spawning habitat along the Tolt River near Carnation were permanently protected. Elk, bear, and bobcats have been spotted in adjacent forests. Funding was provided by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board and the King Conservation District.



The Tolt River

Griffin Creek

King County, Washington Trout, and the Jobs for the Environment Program worked with three agricultural landowners along Lower Griffin Creek to restore riparian habitat and reduce flooding problems on 80 acres of farmland. Funding was provided by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board and the King Conservation District.



Griffin Creek Before - eroded stream banks caused flooding and water quality



Griffin Creek After - a 400 foot bank was reconstructed and more than 8,000 native plants were planted to restore this reach.

Who's Working On This?

Carnation, Duvall, North Bend, Snoqualmie, and King County are working together through the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum on projects that address salmon recovery, water quality and flooding. The Forum is:

- ◆ Assisting in the development of a salmon conservation plan.
- ◆ Making sure the needs and concerns of people in the Watershed are a part of long-term planning.
- ◆ Educating and involving the public in watershed activities such as volunteer plantings.
- ◆ Funding environmental restoration and protection projects.

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